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SUBJECT: EIB: NO MANDATE TO LEND IN IRAQ AT THIS TIME

REF: A. STATE 47346

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[¶](#)1. (U) Subsequent to Ref B, Post received a letter from EIB President Philippe Maystadt indicating that "the European Council has not conferred an official mandate to the EIB to operate in Iraq and for this reason we will therefore not be represented at the forthcoming Ministerial meeting."

[¶](#)2. (SBU) Stephane Viallon, assistant to EIB Vice President Philippe De Fontaine Vive, confirmed to Econoff that EIB had sought and received permission from the EU Commission to include an EIB staff member as part of the Commission's delegation attending the signing ceremony, but only in an "observer" status.

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